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LOUISVILLE WOMAN INDICTED FOR INSURANCE FRAUD
Allegedly left scene of accident, claimed she hit parking lot post

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 16, 2008) – A Louisville woman has been indicted on one felony count of insurance fraud after allegedly filing a false claim with Nationwide Insurance Company.

Linda M. Schierer, 69, stated under oath that she drove her 2008 Toyota Corolla into a concrete post in a parking lot. The insurer's inspection revealed damage inconsistent with striking a post. During the investigation, Schierer admitted that she was involved in a collision with another vehicle and left the scene of the accident.

Nationwide denied the claim based on the material misrepresentation. She was indicted on a felony charge because the benefit for a paid claim would have been more than \$300.

The case was investigated by the Kentucky Department of Insurance Fraud Investigation Division.

A pre-trial conference is scheduled for Aug. 18 in Jefferson Circuit Court. If found guilty, Schierer faces a prison sentence of one to five years; a fine of \$10,000 or twice the amount of gain; or both a prison sentence and a fine.

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